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SUBJECT: REPORTED HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES

1. WASHINGTON OFFICE ON LATIN AMERICA (WOLA) HAS EXPRESSED CONCERN TO DEPARTMENT ABOUT REPORTS THEY HAVE RECEIVED OF ABUSES OF HUMAN RIGHTS OF PRISONERS CURRENTLY BEING TRIED BY GON MILITARY TRIBUNAL. WOLA HAS BEEN TOLD THAT TWO DETAINEES, RENE NUNEZ TELLES AND APOLONIO MARTINEZ, HAVE DIED AS A RESULT OF A HUNGER STRIKE AND FAILURE OF GON AUTHORITIES TO GIVE THEM ANY MEDICAL ATTENTION.

2. WOLA FURTHER REPORTS THAT ALL 32 OR SO DETAINEES, INCLUDING COSTA RICAN PRISONER LIANA BENAVIDES, HAVE BEEN ON HUNGER STRIKE SINCE MID DECEMBER. WOLA HAS HEARD THAT ALL HAVE BEEN HELD IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT SINCE DECEMBER 1 AND THAT MANY OR, PERHAPS, ALL HAVE BEEN HOODED AND HAND-
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CUFFED. ACCORDING TO REPORTS RECEIVED BY WOLA PRISONER TOMAS BORGE HAS BEEN HOODED AND HANDCUFFED FOR 190 CONTINUOUS DAYS.

3. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE ON AN URGENT BASIS RECEIPT OF FULLEST INFORMATION WHICH EMBASSY CAN OBTAIN. DEPARTMENT ALSO INTERESTED IN REPORT

ON SOLIDARITY HUNGER STRIKE WITH PRISONERS IN WHICH RECTORS
OF TWO UNIVERSITIES AND OTHER ARE SAID TO BE ENGAGED.

4. WOLA ALSO RAISED QUESTION OF CURRENT STATUS OF OTHER
DETAINEES WHO THEY HAVE HEARD ARE BEING HELD INCOMMUNICADO.
DOES EMBASSY HAVE ANY NEW INFORMATION ON THIS POINT?

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